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From R.C.A.F.
No C268 of 1-5-43.
Reports the results of the enquiries as to the Rly re supply of food to civilian labourers in the Reserve Area and states that the quantity not being very large was agreed to be supplied.

S.A.D. This min. is approved be supplied to supply sent.

No action necessary

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Mr. M. G. MEHKRI, B.A., LL.B.,
Revenue Commissioner, &
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NEW PUBLIC OFFICES,

Dated Bangalore, 1st May *1943.*

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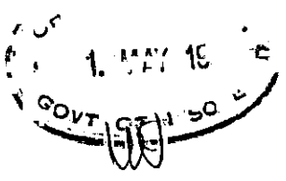

Dear Sir,

SUBJECT:- Reserve Division - Supply of food to Civilian labourers working under orders of Contractors.

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I enclose herewith, for the information of Government, a copy of letter No.154/16/76/Q dated 26th March 1943 received from the H.Q.160 L of C Sub Area, bringing to notice the difficulties experienced by the Contractors employing civilian labour in getting their supplies of food grains and to state that the Director of Civil Supplies and myself met the acting Area Commander on Friday morning to discuss the possibilities of making supplies. From the Statement furnished by the Military Authorities at the time of the meeting, it was learnt that 610 pallas of rice, 610 pallas of ragi and 16 bags of sugar would be required for supplies at Bidadi, Thondebhavi, Vadigenahalli and Yelahanka areas in a period of 8 weeks. The Area Commander was given to understand that, in view of the reduced quota of rice supplies from the Madras Presidency from 30,000 tons to 10,000 tons per annum, as per recent decision of the Government of India, it would not be possible to arrange supplies to the Military Contractors.

The same question was discussed by both of us at the Residency at the request of the Hon'ble the British Resident the same afternoon and the conclusion arrived at after discussion with him are embodied in a letter, copy of which he very kindly sent to me for record, and is enclosed herewith for your information. The difficulty of making supplies in view of the reduced quota from the Madras Presidency was pressed before the Hon'ble the British Resident who very kindly promised that he would take up our claim for a larger quota strongly

P.T.O.

with the Government of India.

As the quantity required at these camps was, in the opinion of the Director of Civil Supplies,not very large, it was agreed to supply the required quantities subject to the condition that,if ragi was not available.it will be substituted by rice or jola.

Yours sincerely,

To

V. VEDAVYASACHARYA, ESQ., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
B A N G A L O R E.

COPY of letter No.154/16/76/Q dated 26-4-1943 from H.Q. 160 L of C Sub Area, No.11, Adv.B.P.O. to the Revenue Commissioner & Civil Representative, Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

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SUBJECT:- Reserve Division - Supply of Food to civilian labourers working under orders of Contractors.

1. In spite of continued references having been made to the Director of Civil Supplies to facilitate the supply of food to civilian labourers employed by contractors who are engaged on the construction of work, no action has as yet been taken to arrange for food to be made available.

2. Work at THONDEBHAVI has already come to a standstill owing to the difficulties which the contractors are experiencing to obtain food for their civilian labourers.

3. The same state of affairs exists at BIDADI and VADIGENAHALLI and to a smaller extent at "Y" Tank.

4. It is estimated that an average of 500 men are employed in each of the above camps. The date given for completion of the work to be undertaken by the contractor is the 1st of June. Unless immediate steps can be taken by you to provide grain shops where rice and ragi can be made available, essential work will be held up.

5. It will be very much appreciated if you would give this matter your personal and urgent consideration and intimate to these Headquarters what arrangements can be made for the provision of food.

6. In this connection, a copy of Government of India letter No. 15-1/43- F.G. dated 26 Jan 43 is forwarded for your information.

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REVENUE COMMISSIONER &
CIVIL REPRESENTATIVE.

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No.

From

The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

To

Major General J.G. Bruce, D.S.O., M.C.,
Commander, 105 L of C Area,
Bangalore.

Bangalore,
29th April 1943.

I met Mr. Mehkri and the Director of Civil Supplies this afternoon at 2-30 P.M. I discussed the whole situation with them and heard all their difficulties. I pointed out however that the quantities required for the four sites, Bidadi, Thondabavi, Vadigenahalli and White Tank when spread over eight weeks was really very small amounting approximately to 66 tons of Rice, 66 tons of Ragi and 15 bags of Sugar.

2. I have nowobtained a guarantee from them that they will supply 66 tons of Rice as much Ragi as they can find the remainder may have to be made up with Rice or Cholam, and 16 bags of Sugar. It was suggested that it was not necessary to produce the whole eight weeks amount at once but that this could be done if desired so far as Rice and Sugar is concerned. They suggested that two weeks amount should be taken at a time and for the first two weeks they guarantee the amount of Ragi required. This amount is ready now and can be taken today or tomorrow if transport is - sent to the Director of Civil Supplies. They tell me that no where else have they themselves set up fair price depots. Everywhere where Civil labour is congregated the Military have themselves - - established such fair price depots.

3. It will be seen therefore that so far as this urgent work is concerned you are guaranteed all the Rice and Sugar you require and a proportion of the Ragi. Any Ragi not being produced will be made up by Rice or Cholam.

(Sd) D.M. Fraser,
Lt. Colonel,
Resident.

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Revenue Commissioner
and Civil Representative.